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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 376
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Boys Club of Oak Ridge for receiving an Honor Award for Program Excellence in Education and Career Development.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those members of community organizations whose contributions to the development of Tennessee's youth can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Many young people need professional youth services to help them cope with a wide range of social and financial hardships, and the Boys Club of Oak Ridge is a sterling example of what can be accomplished when community leaders and volunteers join forces to help; and

WHEREAS, In October, 2000, the Boys Club of Oak Ridge received an Honor Award for Program Excellence in Education and Career Development from the Boys Club's Tennessee Area Council; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Club of Oak Ridge is at the forefront of efforts to assist with such programs as substance abuse prevention and health and fitness, to name a few; and

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WHEREAS, The Boys Club of Oak Ridge requires mandatory tutoring classes for students in Boys Club athletics who do not pass a subject area in school; the purpose is not to punish students by taking athletics away from them, but rather, to provide them with the assistance they need for academic improvement, which will ultimately keep them in the program; and

WHEREAS, This "No Pass, No Play" rule was applied by Boys Club Program Director Stan Cooper and Educational Program Director Jay Brock last fall; they disqualified nearly one-half of the members of the undefeated 9-10 year old Boys Club football team from the Knoxville/Oak Ridge Area Volunteer Football Conference Playoffs in an effort to get the boys ready to compete academically, as well as athletically; and

WHEREAS, Each day, 30-35 students receive assistance from the Club, while 45 different students are provided tutoring services every week; and

WHEREAS, The staff for tutoring sessions includes a combination of peer tutoring and volunteer tutoring; peer tutors include students from the National Honor Society and Scholars Bowl and various advanced class members, while volunteer tutors include parents, Partners-In Education and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Since the "No Pass, No Play" rule's inception, vast improvements in students' attitudes toward school and academics have been noted among the nearly 400 student/athletes who participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, This body is proud to recognize the members of those organizations who have contributed significantly to the development of this State's most treasured natural resource, our youth, and for their prodigious good works it is fitting that they should be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Boys Club of Oak

Ridge on their outstanding accomplishments, and extend to the Boys Club's volunteers our heartfelt thanks for the service they provide to the Oak Ridge community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.